Details of investments are not maintained Statewise or region-wise; but it may be mentioned that the NE Region and North Bihar are wholly covered by the N. E. and N. F. Railways.

(b) Eighth Five Year Plan has not been finalised.

**Revamping and Reconstituting of the Minority Commission**

37. SHRI RAOOF VALIULLAH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to revamp and re-constitute the Minorities Commission for the redressal of grievances of the minority and whether Government have identified these grievances;

(b) whether Government are satisfied with the functioning of the Minorities Commission and whether the commission has been able to effectively function as an independent body; and

(c) whether the Commission has recommended time and again to accord constitutional status and what are the reasons for turning down these unanimous recommendations of the State and Central Minority Commissions functioning in this country?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under review.

(c) Yes, Sir. The recommendation to accord constitutional/statutory status to the Minorities Commission is under consideration.

38. [*Transferred to the 27th December, 1989*].

**Pilferage in Railways**

39. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been large scale pilferages reported by various Railway Zones during the last one year;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard, zone-wise and period-wise; and

(c) what steps are being contemplated to check increase in the number of pilferage during the next year?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The total number of cases of pilferages theft reported by zonal railways during the year 1988-89 were 26627 as compared to 30485 cases of 1987-88.

(c) However to further contain such crime, the following steps are being taken;

1. Escorting of trains carrying valuable consignments as far as possible.
2. Intensive beat patrolling in the yards and vulnerable sections.
3. Conducting raids on receivers of stolen Railway property and deployment of crime intelligence staff.

**Disappearance of various Agricultural Products and Oil from the Market**

40. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that various agricultural products and oils have